



## Michigan Financial Aid Checklist for Youth with Experience in Foster Care

### STEP 1 — FAFSA

- Create FSA ID (your email + phone)
- Gather documents (SSN, ID, etc.)
- Complete FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov>
- Mark “Yes” to foster care after age 13
- Upload DHHS-945 form if school asks
- Check FAFSA Submission Summary
- Respond to school requests fast

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### STEP 2 — MiSSG Account

- Create MiSSG account: <https://misg.michigan.gov/students>
- Confirm FAFSA is linked
- Check which MI programs you qualify for

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### Michigan Financial Aid Programs

- TIP – Tuition Incentive Program
- Fostering Futures Scholarship
- Michigan Achievement Scholarship
- Community College Guarantee
- Michigan Reconnect (25+)

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### **Foster Youth Support**

- FYIT (fees, supplies, needs)
- ETV Application – <https://mietv.samaritas.org>
- Submit documents + receipts

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### **Scholarships**

- Check MI scholarship search tool
- Check college financial aid office
- Search major-based scholarships
- Avoid any scholarship that charges money

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### **Before School Starts**

- Accept/decline financial aid
- Submit housing documents
- Buy/rent textbooks
- Connect with campus support

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### **During the School Year**

- Check email weekly
- Renew FAFSA yearly
- Renew ETV if using
- Keep copies of documents

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